

UNCLE SAM'S HAND

Reaches Out For The "Bull"
Cotton-Operators.

FUTURES COME TUMBLING DOWN

U. S. Attorney General Orders Grand
Jury to Investigate "Bull" Cam-
paign and Arrest Speculators—Cot-
ton Mills Excited.

New York, Special.—The attorney general of the United States has ordered an inquiry into the gigantic bull movement in cotton, with which the names of James A. Patten of Chicago, Frank B. Hayne, William P. Brown of New Orleans and Eugene Scales of Texas have been popularly connected.

Never before has the government brought similar action against any pool operation in the market on either the long or the short side. Subpoenas were issued at the direction of Mr. Wickersham, commanding a dozen or more prominent New York cotton brokers to appear before a special federal grand jury Tuesday to testify in the matter of the "United States against Frank B. Hayne and William P. Brown."

The subpoenas demand the submission to the special grand jury of all records, papers, letters, memoranda and an agreement dated February 26, last, by Hayne, Brown and others. The agreement, the subpoenas state, was for the purchase of 150,000 bales of cotton for delivery in New York during the months of May and July, inclusive, at certain prices and under certain conditions. The fixing of the price and conditions, the government charges, was a violation of law.

Announcement of the governments action was followed by a very excited break in prices on the New York cotton exchange which at one time made fair to result in almost as great a demonstration as that noted last January.

Wall street was stirred by the news and it was widely discussed also in banking circles. Much interest is taken in the case by the financial districts and the stock exchange, as well as by the entire cotton trade.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Southern cotton mill operators are alarmed over the action instituted in New York by the federal authorities against the leaders of the bull campaign and profess to see in it a covert effort on the part of certain New York cotton brokers to get relief from contracts with mills. They assert that the government unwittingly is co-operating with the bears in another and what they fear will prove a most disastrous "raid." Many mill men in this section wired congressmen and 26 senators appealing to them to institute an investigation with a view to uncovering the "conspiracy" which they declare appears to exist.

Washington, Special.—Attorney General Wickersham has taken up the cudgels against the pool in raw cotton which, it is alleged, already has resulted in an increased price of that staple and a curtailment of the output by manufacturers and consequently loss of employment by mill hands.

In connection with the discussion over the prevalent high prices of food and other commodities, the attention of the attorney general has been directed to the alleged existence of certain pools and combinations operating corners in various commodities and their effect on interstate commerce.

Methodists Agin' Prize Fights.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—The Methodist preachers association Monday adopted a resolution calling upon all ministerial associations of the State to join a movement against prize fighting with a view that at the next session of the Legislature a law be passed prohibiting the sport.

Why "Lost and Forgotten?"

Frankfort, Ky., Special.—Though a bill appropriating \$3,000 for the holding of farmers institutes among the negroes of Kentucky passed both houses of the legislature last winter, was duly signed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate and is known to have had the approval of the governor, it is not and will not become a law. Through neglect it did not reach Governor Wilson for signature and though it has been many days since the assembly adjourned, the measure has just come to light, having been lost and forgotten in the meantime.

World's Sunday School Convention.

Hagerstown, Md., Special.—Hagerstown is preparing to send 500 persons to the World's Sunday-school Convention to be held in Washington May 19-26.

Ladies' Bessie Congress.

Washington, Special.—Suffragists moved on Capitol Hill Tuesday and presented to congress a petition from 500,000 signers praying for votes for women.

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest
From All Parts of the State.

Senator Smith's "Bull" Speech.

In a speech in the Senate on the high cost of living Senator Smith declared that Attorney General Wickersham had been the victim of a plot with the end in view of depressing the price of cotton in the interest of the foreign markets. He said that the bears had sold the cotton at a lower price than cotton was bringing in the South. They would have to go to the planters to get the cotton and they would find that they could not get it there, because the farmers were looking after their own interests.

Clemson to Inspect Feedstuffs.

The scientific end of the enforcement of the feed stuffs and seed inspection Act will be conducted at Clemson College. The chemist to do this work and the assistant chemist have already been determined upon by Commissioner Watson, but the names will not be given out until May 1, the day the two Acts go into effect.

Regimental Encampments.

The gallant Third Regiment from the low country, which encamped last year at Aiken, will be sent to Chickamauga, to be there July 15 to 24, inclusive.

The other two regiments, the First from the Piedmont counties, and the Second, from the central portion of the State, will go into camp at or near such cities as offer the best inducements, and will be most accessible.

Governor Pardons Woman.

Governor Ansel has paroled Harriette Frazier, colored, who was convicted of larceny from the person and sentenced to two years at labor on the public works for Charleston county. The woman was said to be suffering from tuberculosis.

Heavier Rails on Coast Line.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway forces have begun the distribution of the 80-lb. rail that is to supplement the 55-pound rail now on the Cheraw & Darlington, and the Cheraw & Salisbury division between Florence and Wadesboro, N. C.

Editor Spends \$2,000 on Land.

Ten acres of land out of Darlington limits which have heretofore been used for farming purposes, were sold last week and bought by J. Monroe Spears, the editor of The Darlington News and Press at \$200 an acre.

Interurban Electric Railway Survey
The directors of the electric railway corporation announces that surveys will soon be made to Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens and other points.

Adam's Apple Broken.

John Pitts, a weaver at the Grendel Mill, Greenville, was hit on the side of the head Tuesday at noon, by a piece of falling shafting and had his Adam's apple broken.

Farmers Going to St. Louis.

South Carolina will be represented at the coming convention of the Farmers' Educational Co-operative Union of America, which is to be held in St. Louis from May 2 to May 7.

New York Life Will Pay.

General counsel for the New York Life Insurance Company notified Insurance Commissioner McMaster that the company would pay up the taxes assessed against it by the several counties of this State, amounting to between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Survey for Great Pee Dee.

Upon the request of Representative Ellerbe, the Senate has put in the river and harbor bill for this year an item for a survey of the Great Pee Dee river, at Gibson's Dam.

Public Service Commission Appointed.

Governor Ansel has appointed the State public service commission under the act of the last legislature providing for such a commission to fix maximum water, gas and electric charges. The appointees are Attorney J. E. McDonald, of Winnsboro; Prof. W. M. Riggs, of Clemson College and ex-State Senator Thomas M. Ransom, of Orangeburg.

Doctors by the Hundred.

The presence of 20 vigorous, progressive and thoroughly educated physicians in large numbers is the striking and significant feature of the medical association meeting which began Wednesday, at Laurens, the first meeting held there in exactly twenty years and the 62nd of the association.

Lever and Legare Remain.

A decision to allow Representatives Lever and Legare, of South Carolina, to retain their seats in the House was the decision of Congressional election committee No. 3. Both seats had been contested.

Dr. Ward and Hookworm.

For the handling of the hookworm campaign in South Carolina made possible throughout the Southern States by the gift of \$1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller, the commission appointed for this purpose, has recommended Dr. J. LaBruce Ward, of Georgetown, and the executive committee of the State board of health at a meeting in Laurens confirmed the appointment.

SOUTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The Cream of News Items Gathered
From All Over South Carolina
and Boiled Down.

The Inspectors and Commissioners.

The International Association of Factory Inspectors and the International Association of Labor Commissioners will meet in Columbia on August 25 and 26. Over 500 delegates will be in attendance from all States in this country and several foreign countries will be represented. It has been finally settled that the two associations will convene in Hendersonville, N. C., on the afternoon of August 22. There will be a session of two days of the associations at that place. The associations will then be conveyed to Columbia for the remainder of the session. A special train will be secured for the delegates.

Preparations are being made to entertain the two associations at a banquet to be held in Greenville during the week of August 22. The textile plants of the Piedmont will be inspected.

Old Rates Restored on Cotton.

South Carolina cotton shippers are affected by an opinion handed down by the Inter-State commerce commission Saturday in the case of Alexander Sprunt & Son, of Wilmington, N. C., against the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Finding that many of its through rates on cotton to Wilmington, N. C., exceeded the sum of the local rates from the territory of Columbia, S. C., the defendant made a general readjustment involving substantial increases from North and Old S. C., among other points. Within six weeks the former rates, which had been in effect for many years, were restored.

Citadel Cadets at Greenwood.

Preparations are being made for the encampment of the Citadel cadets which is to be held at Greenwood from June 1 to June 12. The encampment will be the largest ever held by the school. There will be 218 boys to attend. It has been decided by the adjutant general to use the band of the Citadel during the coming summer for the encampment of the First and Second Regiments in place of a civilian band.

The Great Electric Railway.

Definite announcement is made at Greenville that immediately upon completion of the preliminary surveys of the Anderson-Greenville-Spartanburg electric railroad, the corps of engineers under Maj. Lee will make surveys between Belton and Abbeville and between Belton and Greenwood with a view of extending the company's great trolley system to one or the other of those places.

Governor Invited to New York.

Gov. Ansel has received an urgent invitation to attend a banquet in New York city on May 5, when the International Exposition which is to be held in that city in 1913 will be formally launched. There will be over 600 attend the banquet. The banquet will be given by Mayor Gaynor of New York.

Congressman's Son Left Train.

Barnwell Aiken, the 17-year-old son of Congressman Wyatt Aiken, of Abbeville, disappeared from the sleeper of the train while he was traveling to Washington. The disappearance occurred Thursday morning while the train was at Richmond.

Mad Dogs Bite Many.

Over forty victims of worthless curs are being treated in the newly established State pasteur institute at the University of South Carolina under the direction of Dr. A. Coward, who is thereby made one of the hardest worked physicians in Columbia.

Col. Armstrong Going to Kingstree.

Col. James Armstrong has accepted an invitation by the Daughters of the Confederacy to deliver the address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Kingstree.

Aiken Wants Encampment.

An invitation has been extended both the 1st and 2d regiments to encamp at Aiken this summer.

Southern Loses \$13,500.

A verdict for \$13,500 has been awarded by the supreme court in the case of W. J. Shelton against the Southern railway.

It was claimed by Shelton that the was seriously and permanently injured when a passenger train of the Southern railway jumped the track at Clyburn's crossing about five miles from the town of Camden. The wreck occurred on February 25, 1905. Shelton had purchased a ticket from Cheraw to Camden. He asked the York county court for a verdict of \$50,000 but only \$13,500 was given.

South Carolina Banks Prosperous.

The banks of the State are in a prosperous condition and a comparative statement by Giles L. Wilson, the State bank examiner, shows that 14 new banks have commenced business in South Carolina since November 16, 1909. The resources of the 250 banks of the State on March 24 was \$61,162,510.72. This shows an increase of over \$9,000,000 in the resources. The total individual deposits show increase over \$8,000,000.

CHILD LABOR LAW

And Economic Conditions Send
Children to School.

CAROLINA INSPECTORS REPORT

Large Decrease in Number Children
Employed—Mill Men Don't Want
Them—Experts Needed—Parents
Take More Interest.

Columbia, Special.—The factory inspectors have up to the present time during the year 1910, completed the inspection of 76 of the textile plants of South Carolina, having thus covered nearly half of the territory. They have been giving particular attention to the enforcement of the child labor laws and incidentally have been making a comparison at each mill with the conditions existing about a month later last year, which was the first year of the operation of the factory inspection law, coupled with the enforcement of the child labor laws.

Commissioner Watson says there is a decrease of 39 per cent in the number of boys under 12 years of age and a decrease of 33 per cent in the number of girls under 12 years of age employed.

There is a marked decrease in the number of children under 14 years of age and it is only those children that the child labor laws anywhere are particularly concerned with. There has been a decided increase in the number of children between the ages of 14 and 16 employed.

It is a curious fact, however, that the real increase among these larger children is shown in the statement as to the girls, there being 279 more girls of this age employed, than at the same time last year, whereas there has been a decrease of the number of boys of 133.

This rapidly improving condition of child labor is not a result of the enforcement of the inspection and child labor laws alone, but economic conditions are probably more largely responsible for it than anything else.

It is particularly noteworthy, too, that mill after mill on the reports this year, show no children under 12 years of age and a large number of them have voluntarily notified the commissioner's office that they never expect to again employ a child under 12 years of age. There is a strong and better sentiment also among the parents themselves in regard to the placing of their children in employment and throughout the State, we find parents in the villages beginning to have their ambition aroused for the education of their offspring and caring more and more for their physical health.

Patterson Announces Candidacy.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Gov. Patterson has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself. In view of recent political events in Tennessee and the governor's pardon of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, convicted of the Carmack murder and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, the statement of Gov. Patterson is particularly interesting. Gov. Patterson represents the anti-prohibition element of the Democrats.

In a public letter the governor says:

"Their case was appealed to the supreme court, and that tribunal divided, three being in favor of an affirmation of the case against Col. Cooper, while three were in favor of reversal as to the son, and two were in favor of reversal as to both."

"Senator Carmack, according to the testimony, was killed by Robin Cooper and in my judgment any fair interpretation of it shows that the killing occurred after Senator Carmack had fired two shots from his pistol at the defendant. I believe the act of Robin Cooper was in his necessary self-defense, and this view was evidently shared by the majority of the court which reversed his case. On the other hand, Col. Cooper was not in any conspiracy to kill and I do not believe any of the justices so held. If he was not in a conspiracy to kill, and did not kill, where is the law or justice which will hold him guilty of murder? Had this been an ordinary suit, tried in the ordinary way, without the settings of passion and excitement, Col. Cooper would have been acquitted almost as a matter of course. Without impugn the opinions of others, I think it was a miscarriage of justice when he was not acquitted."

New Orleans Flyer Wrecked.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Three mail clerks are dead and three trainmen and a mail clerk injured as a result of the wreck of the through flyer from New Orleans to Chicago on the Illinois Central railroad, five miles north of Jackson, Miss.

Law Scares Futures Downward.

New Orleans, Special.—As a result of a sharp break in the cotton future market here, two of the old crop months registered losses amounting to about \$1 a bale. The decline was brought about by the receipt of private wires from New York stating the federal grand jury there has issued summonses for several prominent bull leaders, as well as representatives of a number of large cotton brokerage houses.

THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved
From the Whole Country.

Because J. J. Keon, a Socialist leader, refused to pay a poll tax of \$1.50 he began a sentence of six months' imprisonment at Grafton, Ill.

A large steel safe containing diamonds, jewelry, and money estimated at more than \$50,000 has been located in the Gulf in twenty feet of water and buried deep in the sand at Galveston, Tex.

Stirred to a deep fear by predictions from some of their prophets that dire results will attend the appearance of Halley's comet, many of the negro population of Guydan, La., section are holding nightly prayer meetings to ask for safety.

William Jennings Bryan and President Taft spent more than an hour together at the White House Tuesday.

A bill authorizing the president to make withdrawals of public lands for purposes of conservation was passed by the house.

For the first time in fifty years the Madison-county, N. C., jail is without a single prisoner.

President Taft is utterly opposed to the principle of the boycott, and that will be the attitude of his administration so far as he can control it.

A new record price for a painting sold at public auction in this country was established at the Yerkes sales, New York, when \$137,000 was paid for Franz Hals' "Portrait of a Woman." In all 59 pictures were sold, fetching \$595,250, making the total to date \$1,526,250. This also is a new record, as it better the proceeds from the entire Mary J. Morgan collection which brought about \$1,500,000.

"Conservation of child life" and "compulsory education" were the battle cries sounded at the first session of the Southern Textile Conference, at Memphis, Tenn.

Canada may be asked to send one of her statesmen to arbitrate a dispute of long standing between the United States and Mexico, involving the division of valuable lands which now include a part of the city of El Paso, Texas.

A dispatch from Prague says that the twin sisters Blazek, known as the successors of the famous Siamese twins, recently entered a hospital there, where Woss, one of the sisters, became the mother of a fine boy.

The chapel services of Marietta, O., College broke up in disorder Saturday, following the appearance of the junior class in costumes burlesquing the caps and gowns of the seniors. President Perry suspended the entire junior class.

With 60 clowns in makeup looking on, with circus paraphernalia all about and the sawdust under foot, Frances Macginnis, of Chicago, became Mrs. Harry La Pearl in Madison Square Garden. The bride was the only one present not in costume.

The prices of rubber goods of all description will advance approximately 10 per cent, according to an announcement made by the United States Rubber company. The reason assigned by the corporation is the increased cost of the raw material.

Mexicans are greatly excited over the appearance of Halley's comet. Upon some plantations the laborers cannot be induced to work on account of the end which they believe is near at hand, and crops are suffering.

Whether the fact that a wife is addicted to the habit of chewing tobacco is cruel treatment of the husband within the meaning of the statute is a question that will be decided by Judge Lefler when the divorce case of John W. Hefflerine against his wife, Georgia, is called in circuit court, at Muncie, Ind.

The Bankers' Trust Co. building in New York is to be 39 stories, the entire height of the building will be windowless tower 94 feet high. The 539 feet from curb to top of tower. The front will be of granite, ornamented with Ionic columns from the second to the fourth floors.

Just a few hours after eating two small ice cream cones little W. T. Ward, Jr., of Atlanta, fell into a stupor and died from convulsions.

Ernest Andrew Bibbee, 26, and Mary Jane Pierce, 64, appeared at the County Clerk's office, at Parkersburg, W. Va., and secured a marriage license. At the same time the youthful groom recorded a deed for 50 acres of farm land, which stipulated that Mrs. Pierce deeded the same to him as a consideration of his marriage to her.

"Hobo" delegates representing the unemployed are traveling on freight trains, and on foot for Philadelphia, where they will represent the St. Louis unemployed at a convention in Independence Square July 4 to organize a new political party.

With no mention in the inscription of the fact that he was at one time president of the United States, but reading merely: "Grover Cleveland, born Caldwell, N. J., March 18, 1837, died Princeton, N. J., June 24, 1908," a monument to the memory of ex-President Grover Cleveland is completed on his grave.

The balloon Aelitzsch, belonging to the Bitterfeld Aero Club, Berlin, was struck by lightning during a violent storm and the four occupants were killed.

POSTMASTERS TOO

Hitchcock Requests Civil Ser-
vice For Those Officials

JOB FOR LIFE RECOMMENDED

P. M. General Asks President to Ex-
tend Service to Second, Third, and
Fourth Class P. M.'s—Keep Post-
masters at Big Offices.

Washington, Special.—Civil service for second and third class postmasters is the request which has been made by Postmaster-General Hitchcock to the President. In asking that such a change in the existing classified service be made Mr. Hitchcock further recommends that no first-class postmaster shall be deprived of his position for any cause save for the good of the service. In this way it is sought to elevate the entire postal service above the reach of job-seeking politicians. Similar action has been taken in regard to a large number of fourth-class postmasters.

Admission Creates Sensation.

St. Louis, Special.—Admissions by Charles L. Urquhart, secretary of the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company, that the concern, hitherto supposed to be independent, is owned and controlled by the National Packing company, caused a sensation at the proceedings in the investigation of the so-called "beef trust" being conducted by Attorney General Major.

Who Have the Price?

Atlanta, Special.—Seventy all steel sleeping cars of the most modern type, electric lighted and equipped with every device for the comfort and safety of passengers which the ingenuity of the world's leading car builders has brought out, are now being constructed by the Pullman Company for the use of the Southern Railway Company on its through trains from the South to New York city.

Regarding Sleeping Car Berths.

Richmond, Special.—Unless the courts hold that the Interstate Commerce Commission is not authorized to order a reduction in Pullman sleeping car rates, especially in the matter of declaring that an upper berth is not worth as much as a lower, railroad men believe, and even predict, that the whole tariff will be revised.

"Capt." Carter's Cash Going.

Washington, Special.—Dismissed from the army and put into the penitentiary for his alleged connection with the fraud on the government in the improvement of the harbor at Savannah, Ga., former Capt. Oberlin M. Carter had a \$400,000 fortune swept out of his hands Monday as a further outcome of that transaction.

"What is Whiskey" Stands.

Washington, Special.—President Taft's board made up of Secretaries MacVeagh, Nagel and Wilson, have decided to adhere to its original ruling regarding the labelling of whiskey under the pure food law made in accordance with the President's decision of "what is whiskey." There was considerable dissatisfaction with the ruling of the board on the part of distillers who use neutral spirits.

Riot Leaders Executed.

Chang Sha, China, By Cable.—The ringleaders of the riot that broke out Sunday at Hankow have been executed by the authorities.

To Prevent Flood Losses in U. S.

Washington, Special.—Aroused by the serious floods in Paris, when the Seine overflowed and caused considerable damage to the French capital, the engineers of the United States Geological Survey have begun a study of means to prevent or to diminish losses in the United States from such floods.

Negro in Cuban Cabinet.

Havana, By Cable.—President Gomez has appointed Martin Morua Delgado, Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, succeeding Ortello Foyo. Delgado, who was formerly President of the Senate, is the first negro to receive a portfolio.

Anti-Option Bill Reported Favorably.

Washington, Special.—The anti-option bill, reported favorably from the agricultural committee of the house, which seeks to prohibit dealing in futures in various staples, will be considered in the house under a special rule on Saturday, April 30.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes.

Washington, Special.—The rivers and harbors bill, carrying appropriations of \$52,500,000 was passed by the Senate Tuesday.

Bill to Preserve Watersheds.

Washington, Special.—The bill creating the Southern Appalachian and White mountain forest reserve has been favorably reported in the house by the committee on agriculture. The purpose of the bill is to preserve watersheds by conservation of trees and by forestation, where necessary.